

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H3011**

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TO:	The Honorable James H. Harrison, Chairman, House Judiciary Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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AUTHOR:	Representative Wilkins	PRIMARY CODE CITE:	Joint Resolution
SUBJECT:	Constitutional Officers		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

This Joint Resolution would place on the statewide ballot, at the next general election, a series of referendums to amend Section 7, Article VI of the Constitution of South Carolina concerning Constitutional Officers. If the referendums were approved the Governor would appoint with the advice and consent of the General Assembly the Commissioner of Agriculture, Secretary of State and the Superintendent of Education. Passage would also result in the State Board of Education being abolished.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Election Commission

The Agency indicates there will be no fiscal impact on the General fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds. While there is a cost associated with printing a referendum ballot, the funding for statewide general elections is sufficient to cover this cost.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

Based on the outcome of the proposed referendum there could be a cost to the General Fund of the State. Section 1-1-1210 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, establishes the salary of the above constitutional officers to be \$92,007. If the Commissioner of Agriculture and the Superintendent of Education become appointed positions, then Section 1-1-1210 may need to be amended to provide salaries consistent with current cabinet positions.

The FY 2004-05 Appropriation Act reflects an appropriation of \$58,034 for the Board of Education which could be recognized as expected savings if that Board is abolished.

Approved by:



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